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MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 23,518; Week ago 22,635; Year ago 19,425
 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		Fdr. HEIFERS:		Hols. STEERS	
363 lbs.	141.60	366 lbs.	130.20	287 lbs.	122.94
451 lbs.	135.96	456 lbs.	124.29	360 lbs.	117.75
554 lbs.	127.38	543 lbs.	117.17	459 lbs.	110.34
639 lbs.	123.21	634 lbs.	112.91	546 lbs.	102.85
747 lbs.	114.05	728 lbs.	109.00	644 lbs.	94.11
842 lbs.	113.68	825 lbs.	106.84	714 lbs.	87.76
968 lbs.	98.77	958 lbs.	93.52	834 lbs.	85.67

SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY (West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts: 3850; Week ago 5047; Year ago 5540
 Compared to last week, steers and heifers steady to 2.00 higher, except 350-450 lb steer calves 3.00 to 5.00 lower than last weeks sharp upturn. Slaughter Cows steady to 3.00 higher Bulls steady.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	137.00-150.00	300-400 lbs.	125.00-139.00
400-500 lbs.	124.00-142.50	400-500 lbs.	114.00-125.00
500-600 lbs.	115.00-130.00	500-600 lbs.	108.00-120.00
600-700 lbs.	112.00-122.00	600-650 lbs.	108.00-114.00
700-800 lbs.	106.50-112.00		

Large 3 Holsteins

375-450 lbs.	110.00-119.50
Lot 487 lbs.	107.50
550-600 lbs.	94.50-97.00
800-830 lbs.	87.00-91.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1300-2100 lbs., 64.00-72.00, low dressing 59.00-64.00

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 6 yrs, 900-1030 lbs with baby to 300 lb calves 850.00-1000.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 49.00-56.50, high dressing 53.50-60.50. Lean (85-90%) 47.00-53.00, low dressing 40.00-48.00.

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 3 to 7 yrs. 1035-1450 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 720.00-920.00 per head, some blks/bwf 2 to 6 yrs 975-1250 lbs in 850.00-975.00 per head.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY (Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 4615; week ago 4646, year ago 3829
 Cow and Bull Receipts 1470; week ago 1420; year ago 850
 Dairy Cattle Receipts 1062, (Springfield 07/26/05)
 Compared to last week, feeder steers steady, Holsteins under 600 lbs steady, over 600 lbs 2.00 to 3.00 higher, heifers steady to 2.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls steady.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1 & 1-2		Medium and Large 1 & 1-2	
300-400 lbs.	127.00-139.00	300-400 lbs.	122.00-140.00
400-500 lbs.	117.00-133.00	400-500 lbs.	110.00-127.00
500-600 lbs.	115.00-126.00	500-600 lbs.	106.00-123.00
600-700 lbs.	109.00-122.50	600-700 lbs.	100.50-113.75
700-800 lbs.	105.00-113.50	700-800 lbs.	98.00-104.00
800-900 lbs.	98.50-106.00	800-900 lbs.	Scarce
Load 976 lbs.	99.00		

HOLSTEINS: Large Frame 3

200-300 lbs.	121.00-124.00
300-400 lbs.	114.00-123.00
400-500 lbs.	110.00-115.00
500-600 lbs.	92.00-112.00
600-700 lbs.	88.00-100.00
700-800 lbs.	85.50-88.00
800-900 lbs.	82.00-86.00

Dairy Cattle Sales

Springer Heifers: Supreme 1900.00-2075.00, few 2225.00-2300.00, Approved 1700.00-1875.00, Bred 4-6 months: Supreme 1885.00-2450.00, Approved 1675.00-1875.00 Open Heifers: Approved 700-800 lbs 1200.00-1510.00, 600-700 lbs 1300.00-1520.00, 500-600 lbs 1160.00-1345.00, 400-500 lbs 1000.00-1220.00. Baby Calves: Holstein Heifers 310.00-630.00. Bulls 150.00-190.00.

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to short solid, 900-1475 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 710.00-1050.00 per head.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 830-1200 lbs. with baby-350 lb calves 870.00-1275.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 51.00-58.00, high dressing 58.50-59.50 Lean (85-90%) 46.50-52.50, low dressing 41.00-46.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1405-2375 lbs. 65.50-73.00, high dressing 73.75-77.00, low dressing 61.00-66.50.

INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 8765; Week ago 6807; Year ago 6940
 Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts steady.
 Sows 1.50 to 4.00 higher.

BARROWS AND GILTS:

Base carcass meat prices 64.00
 Weekly top price Friday 64.00

SOWS:

300-500 lbs 35.00-37.00
 Over 500 lbs 38.00-40.00

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WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Sedalia and Kingsville)

Receipts 2213; Week ago 1067; Year ago 1208

Compared to last week feeder under 500 lbs from weak to 10.00 higher, over 500 lbs steady to firm with some steers 2.00-5.00 higher. Slaughter cows steady to weak.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2

300-400 lbs.	132.00-150.00
400-500 lbs.	126.00-150.00
500-600 lbs.	114.00-128.00
600-700 lbs.	108.00-124.50
700-800 lbs.	104.75-115.00
800-900 lbs.	103.75-109.00

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	126.25-136.00
450-500 lbs.	116.00-135.00
500-600 lbs.	104.00-121.50
600-700 lbs.	104.00-120.00
700-800 lbs.	95.75-109.25
Pkg 805 lbs.	99.75

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 4 yrs to ss, 1100-1350 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 720.00-910.00.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 48.50-55.75, high dressing 53.25-57.75, Lean (85-90%) 48.25-52.75.COW & CALF PAIRS: ScarceSLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1350-2285 lbs 62.00-70.25.**EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, and Boonville)

Receipts: 3976; Week ago 2821; Year ago; 2731

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers steady to 5.00 higher. Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2

300-400 lbs.	130.00-148.00
400-500 lbs.	125.00-145.00
500-600 lbs.	115.00-135.00
600-650 lbs.	113.00-127.00
700-800 lbs.	108.00-120.00
800-900 lbs.	102.00-105.50

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	125.00-139.00
400-500 lbs.	115.00-130.00
500-600 lbs.	110.00-125.00
600-700 lbs.	105.00-122.00
700-750 lbs.	103.00-112.00

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Select and Choice 2-3 76.50-79.00SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking, Boning, and Lean (70-90% lean) 45.00-55.00, high dressing 50.00-60.00, low dressing 38.00-48.00SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: High Select and Choice 2-3 75.00-77.00SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1250-2150 lbs, 62.50-68.50, high dressing 69.00-71.25.**NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Palmyra, New Cambria and Green City)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 3940; week ago 162; year ago 3153

Slaughter Cattle Receipts 60; week ago 48; year ago 94

Compared to the last week steers and heifers steady to 5.00 higher. Slaughter cows 2.00 to 4.00 higher, Slaughter steers and heifers 1.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

300-400 lbs.	134.00-154.00
400-500 lbs.	139.00-150.75
500-600 lbs.	132.50-143.00
600-700 lbs.	122.50-140.25
700-800 lbs.	114.75-121.00
800-900 lbs.	106.75-117.00

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

300-400 lbs.	116.00-131.00
400-500 lbs.	116.00-130.00
500-600 lbs.	116.00-129.50
600-700 lbs.	111.75-121.25
700-800 lbs.	105.50-113.75
800-850 lbs.	98.50-107.70

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-3, 1050-1400 lbs 77.50-79.20SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (75-85% lean) 52.00-60.25, low dressing 46.00-52.00SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-3, 1100-1300 lbs 76.50-78.10SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1300-2100 lbs 64.00-71.25**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Patton Junction and Fruitland)

Receipts 892; Week ago 999; Year ago 878

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers steady to 8.00 higher, Slaughter cows and bulls steady to 1.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

250-300 lbs.	Scarce
300-400 lbs.	118.00-147.00
400-500 lbs.	110.50-142.50
500-600 lbs.	97.50-125.00
600-700 lbs.	100.00-114.00
700-800 lbs.	97.00-109.00
800-900 lbs.	96.00-98.50

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

275-300 lbs.	Scarce
300-400 lbs.	113.00-142.00
400-500 lbs.	100.00-121.50
500-600 lbs.	100.00-113.00
650-700 lbs.	94.00-108.00
700-800 lbs.	90.00-98.50

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs 870-1325 lbs in 1st to 3rd stage 545.00-850.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 44.25-52.25, high dressing 54.50-55.00, Lean (85-90%) 40.00-44.25.COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 3 yrs to ss, 895-1315 lbs with 80-300 lb calves 650.00-870.00 per pair.SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1250-1890 lbs 63.00-67.00, high dressing 67.00-72.00.**SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Cuba, Vienna)

Receipts 3276; Week ago 2313; Year ago 1601

Compared to last week steers and heifers under 600 lbs 2.00 to 6.00 higher, over 600 lbs 1.00 to 4.00 higher. Slaughter cows steady.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	139.00-155.00
400-500 lbs.	128.00-147.00
500-600 lbs.	120.00-135.75
600-700 lbs.	114.25-133.00
700-750 lbs.	106.00-119.50

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	124.00-135.00
400-500 lbs.	122.50-131.25
500-600 lbs.	113.00-128.25
600-700 lbs.	106.00-124.75
700-875 lbs.	102.25-105.25

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 4 yrs to ss, 1000-1450 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage pregnancy 760.00-935.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 48.50-53.50, High dressing 54.00-55.25, Lean (85-90%) 44.00-49.00, low dressing 38.00-43.50.COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium 1-2, 5 to 9 yrs, 1025-1350 lbs. with baby to 325 lbs. Calves 900.00-1050.00 per pair.SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1500-2000 lbs, 62.50-69.25, high dressing 72.00-74.00.**MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT
SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT**

Weekly Receipts 600; Week ago 400; Year ago 800

Compared to last week, trade very slow. No confirmed live sales, dressed sales on grid basis 4.00 to 6.00 higher. Demand and seller interest light to moderate.

STEERS: No SalesSTEERS AND HEIFERS: Carcass sales: No SalesHEIFERS: No SalesGRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid): Choice 3 550-950 lbs 126.00-130.00, Select 3 550-950 lbs. 120.00-125.00.

MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT WEANER AND FEEDER PIG REPORT

Receipts: 17335 (FOB 1750 Delivered 15855)
Compared to last week, weaner and feeder pigs steady to 1.00 higher. .
USDA National Feeder Pig Report indicates a steady to 1.00 higher market
for both weaner and feeder pigs.

Fob the farm, 0 % negotiated.
1750 head 10 lbs 29.75-33.00 weighted average 10 lbs 32.16

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights.
Delivered, 29.2% negotiated.
10585 head 10 lbs 30.27-33.36 weighted average 10 lbs 31.93

Feeder pigs in all lot sizes.
Delivered 0% negotiated
5000 head 45 lbs 48.17

MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW

Slaughter Receipts: 47,000; Week ago 49,000; Year ago 49,000

Slaughter Lambs steady Slaughter Ewes: Utility and Good
Slaughter Ewes steady 1-3 35.00-45.00, Cull 1 25.00-
Feeder Lambs steady 35.00.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large
Prime 2-3 110-120 lbs 99.00- 1-2 50-70 lbs 115.00-130.00, 70-90
101.00, 120-140 lbs 101.00-103.00 lbs 100.00-115.00.

Missouri Weekly Hay Summary

Dry conditions continue to be the most discussed topic through out the largest part of the state. Some CRP is being baled now under the managed haying and grazing program but as of current no counties have been fully released under the emergency program. Most of this hay is of lower quality and during most years' hay this type of hay would end up as ditch filler, however during a year as bad as this one any hay is better than an empty hay pile. Corn chopping is also increasing each week and actual grain prices for corn are starting to reflect the dryness in the southwest part of the state were prices are higher than any other area of the state which is unusual. It would really be a blessing if rains would start falling and allow for some fall pasture growth but few have much hope for this considering pastures are currently rated at 45 percent very poor, 33 percent poor, 17 percent fair and 5 percent good. Hay supplies are rated at 17 percent very short, 40 percent short, 42 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus. It is a given that many farmers will be relying or some of our western neighbors for hay to make it through this feeding season. Hay movement is moderate to heavy this week, prices are reported as steady to firm and supply is moderate to light. The Missouri Department of Agriculture has a hay hotline available for buyers and sellers. To be listed, or for a directory, call 1-800-877-4HAY(4429).(All prices per ton unless specified) Supreme quality Alfalfa(RFV>185) 115.00-135.00 premium quality Alfalfa(RFV170-180) 90.00-125.00 Fair to Good quality Alfalfa(RFV130-170) Round bales 30.00-80.00 Small, Big squares 70.00-100.00 Good quality mixed Alfalfa and grass small square bales 2.50-3.50 per bale 20.00-50.00 per large round bale Fair to good quality Prairie hay 35.00-60.00 Good quality Brome 40.00-70.00 Fair quality Brome and mixed with grass round bales 10.00-25.00 per bale Good quality Timothy Hay 3.00-4.50 per small square bale Good quality Red Clover hay 25.00-50.00 Good quality Mixed Grass hay 10.00-30.00 per round bale 1.25-2.50 per small square Fair quality large round bales Fescue 10.00-25.00 per bale Wheat hay 40.00-60.00 Wheat straw 2.50-3.50 per small bale, Green Chopped Corn Silage 18.00-22.00 per ton.

Oregon County Goat and Sheep Market (Koshkonong)

Receipts: 140 Last Month: 293

Slaughter Classes: Kids: Selection 1 40-60 lbs 120.00; 60-80 lbs 100.00. Selection 1-2 80-110 lbs 85.00. Selection 2 40-60 lbs 110.00; 60-80 lbs 92.00. Selection 3 40-60 lbs 90.00; Selection 1-3 20-40 lbs 85.00. Slaughter Does/Nannies: medium 60.00, thin 40.00. Slaughter Bucks: yearlings 70.00. Slaughter Lambs: Good and Choice 2-3 few woolled 60-80 lbs 75.00. Slaughter Rams: medium 20.00. (all prices per cwt.)

WEEKLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

	CATTLE	HOGS	SHEEP
Week to date	616,000	1,829,000	47,000
Last week	644,000	1,857,000	49,000
Last Year	626,000	1,864,000	49,000
2005 yr. to date	18,889,000	59,499,000	1,506,000
2004 yr. to date	19,477,000	59,784,000	1,590,000

MIDWEST EGG REVIEW

Large .08 lower, Medium steady to .01 lower, and Small steady.
IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN: Prices paid to producers. (cents per dz.) Large .16-.25, Medium .07-.11, Small .05-.07.

WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans .13 to .17 lower, Wheat .05 to .08 lower, Corn .11 to .16 lower, KC Wheat .04 to .08 lower, Soybean Meal 1.50 to 3.60 lower.

Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Soybeans					
Aug	673	689 1/2	670	671 1/4	658 1/2
Sep	677 1/4	694 1/2	675 1/4	675 1/2	661 3/4
Nov	687 1/2	704 1/2	681 1/2	682 1/2	669
Jan	691 1/2	708 1/2	686	687 1/2	674
Mar	688 1/2	704 1/2	683	685	672
Wheat					
Sep	330 1/2	332	326	325	320
Dec	345 1/4	347 1/2	341 1/2	339 3/4	336
Mar	357 1/2	359 1/2	354 1/2	352 1/2	349
May	364	365 1/2	360 1/2	359	355
Jul	367 3/4	370 3/4	364 3/4	363 1/2	357 1/4
Corn					
Sep	231 3/4	232 1/2	227	224 1/2	220 1/2
Dec	244 1/4	245 1/2	240	237 1/2	234 1/2
Mar	252	252 3/4	247 3/6	246 1/4	243 1/2
May	257	258 1/2	253	252	248 1/4
Jul	260 1/4	261 3/4	257	255 3/4	252 3/4
KC Wheat					
Sep	342	344 1/4	336 1/2	338 1/4	335
Dec	354 3/4	357	348 3/4	350 1/2	346
Mar	358 1/2	364	356	356 1/2	352
May	362	367	360	359	353
Jul	365	370 1/2	364 1/2	362	358
SB Meal					
Aug	212.40	215.40	210.80	212.60	210.90
Sep	210.90	214.40	209.30	211.10	208.80
Oct	210.70	213.70	208.30	210.20	207.30
Dec	212.70	216.50	209.80	212.30	208.80
Jan	213.00	216.40	208.50	212.20	209.00

WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle steady to 1.48 lower, Lean Hogs 1.40 to 3.25 higher, Pork Bellies Aug 2.25 lower, others 1.95 to 2.55 higher, Feeder Cattle 1.12 to 1.92 higher.

Daily Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Cattle					
Aug	81.87	81.72	82.30	80.62	80.57
Oct	83.65	83.22	83.37	81.72	81.92
Dec	85.57	85.55	85.70	84.42	84.55
Feb	87.17	87.32	87.45	86.90	86.87
Apr	85.00	85.25	85.50	85.00	85.00
Lean Hogs					
Aug	69.60	69.90	69.72	69.40	70.10
Oct	59.52	60.62	60.07	60.22	60.77
Dec	57.42	58.12	58.02	58.32	58.77
Feb	59.47	59.97	59.92	59.90	60.12
Apr	59.92	60.30	60.37	60.47	60.15
Prk Bel					
Aug	75.20	73.90	71.90	69.90	69.95
Feb	83.02	83.52	84.05	84.90	84.05
Mar	81.00	81.00	83.00	83.00	83.05
May	85.50	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jul	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Fdr Cat					
Aug	109.32	109.57	110.02	109.42	110.40
Sep	107.80	108.30	108.85	107.85	108.57
Oct	107.15	107.32	108.35	107.25	108.02
Nov	104.85	105.15	106.25	105.30	106.17
Jan	101.87	102.15	102.95	102.20	103.15
Milk					
Jul	14.38	14.38	14.38	_____	_____
Aug	13.49	13.42	13.45	13.54	13.54
Sep	14.15	14.15	14.35	14.33	14.45

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MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans unchanged to .08 lower
Wheat .01 to .04 lower
Corn .07 to .16 lower
Grain Sorghum .09 to .23 lower

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Area	#1 Soybean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
<u>Kansas City</u>				
Monday	6.73-6.78	3.57	2.07-2.08	3.82
Tuesday	6.90-6.92	3.59	2.08-2.09	3.84
Wednesday	6.70-6.72	3.52	2.03-2.07	3.75
Thursday	6.77	3.53	2.00-2.01	3.71
Friday	6.69	3.50	1.96-1.97	3.66
<u>St. Louis</u>				
Monday	6.79	3.25	2.26	4.44
Tuesday	6.96-6.98	3.30	2.27-2.29	4.51
Wednesday	6.75	3.24	2.24	4.41
Thursday	6.79	3.24	2.23	4.39
Friday	6.70	3.22	2.22	4.37
<u>Central</u>				
Monday	6.47-6.53	3.21-3.26	2.02	3.25
Tuesday	6.69-6.81	3.22-3.27	2.03	3.26
Wednesday	6.49-6.60	3.16-3.21	1.92-1.97	3.16
Thursday	6.50-6.61	3.15-3.20	1.90-1.95	3.12
Friday	6.36-6.47	3.10-3.15	1.86-1.91	3.05
<u>S.E. MO</u>				
Monday	6.68-6.71	3.09-3.14	2.17-2.21	4.17-4.33
Tuesday	6.86-6.89	3.11-3.16	2.16-2.21	4.19-4.33
Wednesday	6.63-6.68	3.08-3.12	2.10-2.16	4.10-4.23
Thursday	6.66-6.72	3.08-3.11	2.13-2.17	4.05-4.19
Friday	6.56-6.58	3.07-3.08	2.09-2.11	4.12-4.21

(PRICES PER BU. EXCEPT GR. SORG. PER CWT)
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Weekly Crop Report

Drought conditions with high temperatures continued to stress crops and pastures in most of the State during the past week, as only a limited number of counties, primarily in the northwest, north-central and northeast districts received significant rainfall. Topsoil moisture ratings over the State averaged 55 percent very short, 32 percent short and 13 percent adequate. The drought is least severe in the northwest and southeast districts, where topsoil moisture ratings show 46 percent and 36 percent adequate, respectively, while all other districts average less than 10 percent adequate. Subsoil moisture is rated as 45 percent very short, 36 percent short and 19 percent adequate. Days suitable for fieldwork averaged 6.2. **Field Crops Report:** Ninety-seven percent of the corn is silked, 66 percent is in the dough stage or beyond and 18 percent is dented, 1 day behind last year but about 2 days ahead of the 5-year average of 60 percent dough and 17 percent dented. Condition of corn continues to decline, with ratings averaging 20 percent very poor, 20 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 27 percent good and 5 percent excellent. Reporters indicate that rain could still be of benefit for development of ears where the plants are not too advanced but much of the earliest-planted corn as well as fields that are severely drought-damaged are beyond help. Farmers are cutting silage earlier than normal in the driest areas where the plants are rapidly deteriorating. Soybeans blooming advanced to 79 percent complete, 5 days ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of normal, while pod setting, at 42 percent, is about 4 days ahead of average. Bean growth has been retarded by the dry weather and the high temperatures are causing blooms to drop in some fields. All areas need moisture to facilitate the pod-filling process. Soybean condition is rated at 13 percent rated very poor, 25 percent poor, 35 percent fair, 23 percent good and 4 percent excellent, a further decline from a week earlier. Sorghum is 72 percent headed, 6 days ahead of normal. Twelve percent of the crop is turning color, slightly behind the normal pace. Condition of sorghum is rated as 11 percent very poor, 22 percent poor, 43 percent fair, 22 percent good and 2 percent excellent, a slight decline from the previous week. Ninety-eight percent of both the second crop of alfalfa and all other hay and 50 percent of the third crop of alfalfa have been cut, all ahead of normal. Many areas will not have a third alfalfa cutting unless substantial rain helps growth to resume. **Pasture & Livestock:** Pasture condition is reported at 45 percent very poor, 33 percent poor, 17 percent fair and 5 percent good, a continued decline from a week earlier. Many farmers are feeding hay or chopping corn to replace the reduction of pasture feed. Hay supplies are rated at 17 percent very short, 40 percent short, 42 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus, with farmers in some southern counties already shipping in additional hay.